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INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY INCREASES IN SLOVENIA -- Zagreb, Borba, 20 Mar 52

Ljubljana, 19 March -- Janez Vipotnik, president of the Council for Construction and Communal Activities of Slovenia (Savjeta za Gradvinarstvo i Komunalne Poslove NR Slovenije), recently announced that about 5,600,000,000 dinars, or 4 percent of Slovenia's national income, is to be invested in capital construction in Slovenia in 1952. This does not include federal investments.

The chief projects for 1952 include the Vuzenica, Medvodje, Moste, and Maribor Island hydroelectric power plants, the Sostanj Thermal Power Plant, the Jesenice, Gustanj, and Store ironworks, and the Velenje and Zagorje mines.

These ironworks and mines are to increase ferrous metallurgy production by about 58,000 tons, while coal and lignite production is to be increased about 872,000 tons.

STEEL INDUSTRY NEEDS SCRAP IRON -- Zagreb, Borba, 3 Feb 52

Although less scrap iron can be imported this year, the need is greater than in previous years. This year's needs are estimated at more than 100,000 tons, which must either be imported or collected from local sources.

LEAD AND ZINC MINE IN OPERATION -- Zagreb, Borba, 2 Apr 52

Kosovo Polje, 1 April -- The Ajvalija lead and zinc mine in the Zvecan basin, which began production 1 April, is the third lead and zinc mine in the Kosmet. In the beginning, the mine is to produce about 250 tons of ore daily. This ore contains about 100 percent more zinc than the ore from the Stari Trg mine, while the lead content is the same.

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The extraction of ore has been mechanized. Two 500-horsepower diesel electric power plants have been installed at the mine. Three and one half kilometers of cableways have been built from the mine to the Badovac railroad station. All material for the cableway except the cable was made in Yugoslav factories and installed by Yugoslav experts. Barracks for workers have been built at the mine site.

The Novo Brdo mine is to be put in operation in mid-1952. This is the fourth mine with a flotation installation.

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